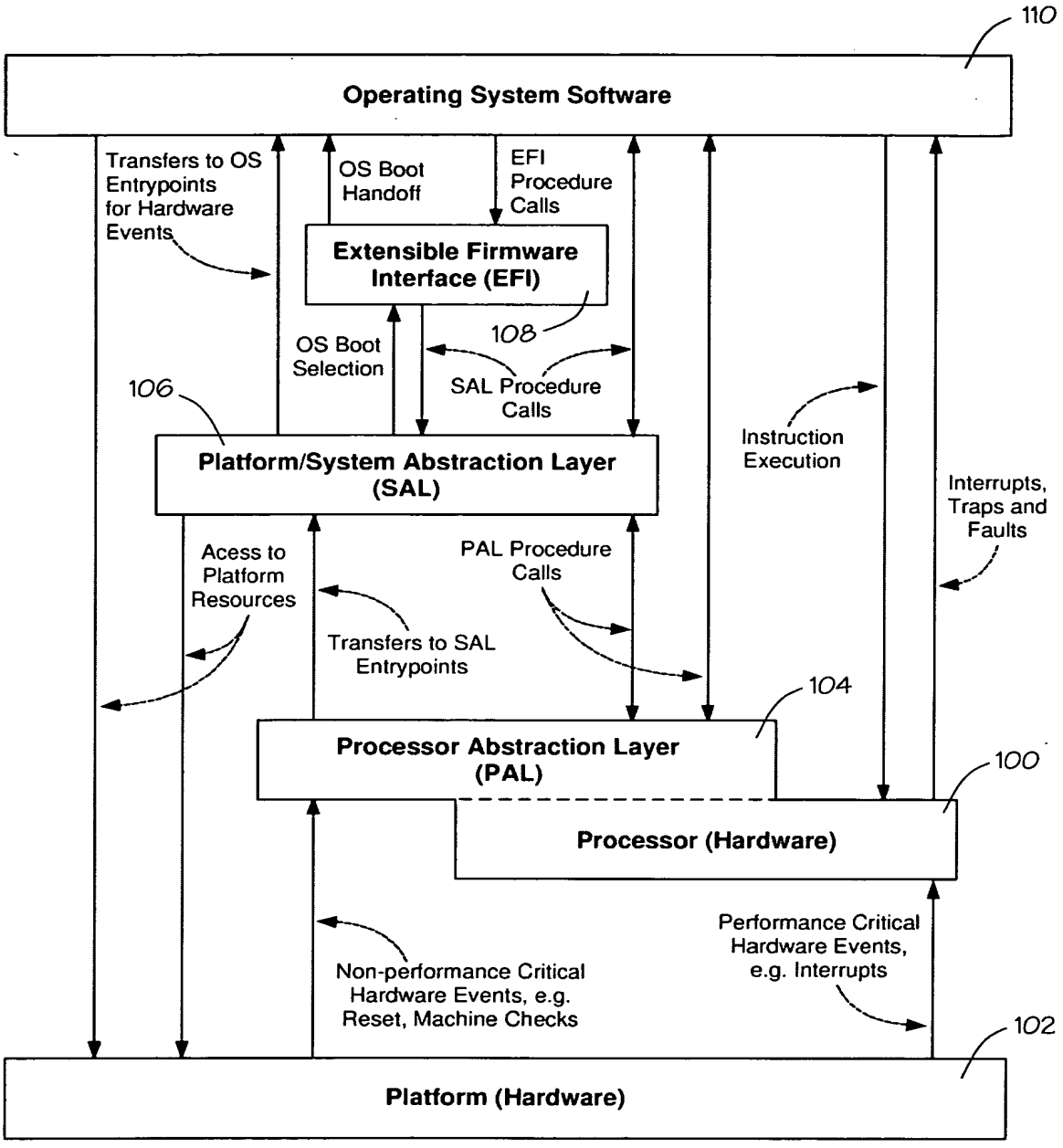
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FIG. 1

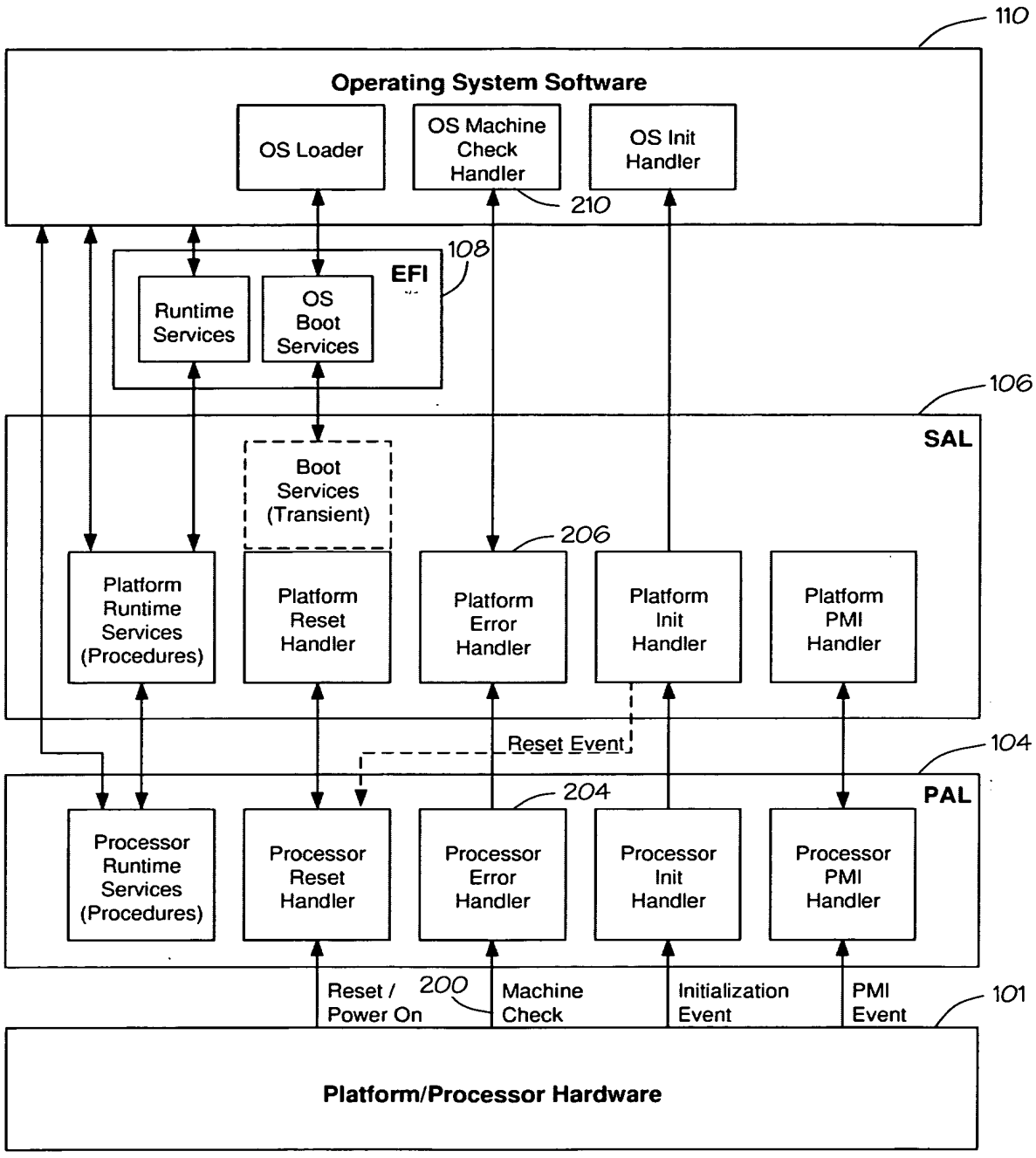
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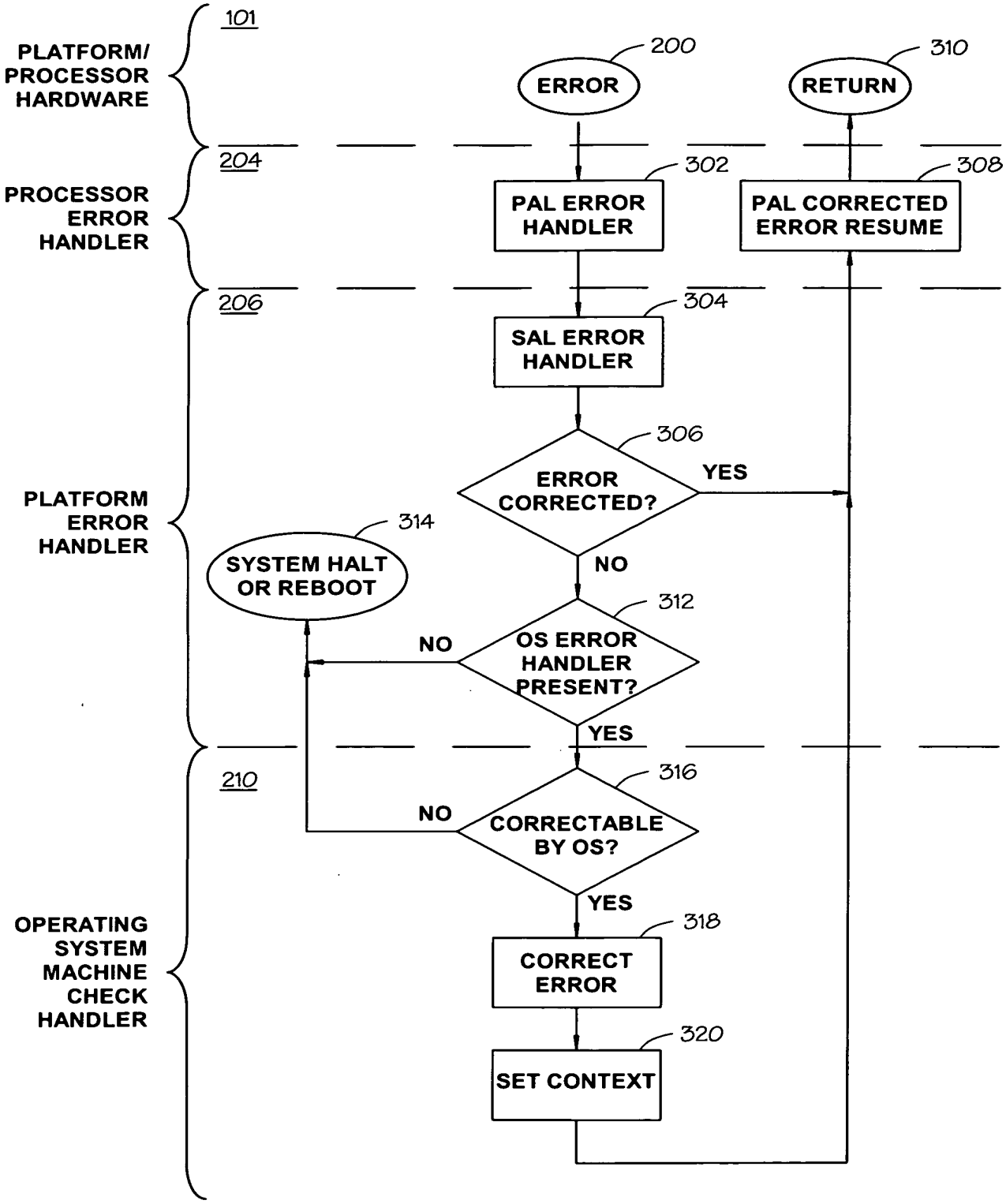
FIG. 2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206
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OPERATING SYSTEM MACHINE CHECK HANDLER
200
ERROR
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RETURN
302
PAL ERROR HANDLER
308
PAL CORRECTED ERROR RESUME
304
SAL ERROR HANDLER
306
ERROR CORRECTED?
YES
NO
314
SYSTEM HALT OR REBOOT
312
OS ERROR HANDLER PRESENT?
NO
YES
316
CORRECTABLE BY OS?
NO
YES
318
CORRECT ERROR
320
SET CONTEXT

FIG. 3

```
/*=====================================================================*/
/* Definitions - These are provided to attempt to make the pseudo     */
/* code easier to read and are not meant to be real                    */
/* definitions that can be used.                                       */
/*=====================================================================*/

/* Processor State Parameter is located in PSP=r18 at hand off from */
/* SAL to the OS_MCA handler. */

/* Processor State Parameter bit field definitions */
define TLB_Error = ProcessorStatParameter[60]

/* SAL Record Header Error Log Definitions */

#define Record_ID_Offset = 0
#define Err_Severity_Offset = 10
#define Recoverable = 0
#define Fatal = 1
#define Corrected = 2
#define Record_Length_Offset = 12
#define Record_Header_Length = 24

/* SAL Section Header Error Log Definitions */

#define GUID_Offset = 0
#define Section_Length_Offset = 20
#define Processor_GUID = E429FAF1-3CB7-11D4-BCA70080C73C8881
#define Section_Header_Length = 24

/* SAL Processor Error Record Definitions */

#define Valdiation_Bit_Structure
     Proc_Error_Map_Valid = bit 0
     Cache_Check_Valid = bits [7:4]
     TLB_Check_Valid = bits [11:8]
     Bus_Check_Valid = bits [15:12]
     Reg_File_Check_Valid = bits [19:16]
     MS_Check_Valid = bits [23:20]

#define Error_Validation_Bit_Length = 8
#define Check_Info_Valid_Bit = bit 0
#define Target_Address_Valid_Bit = bit 3
#define Precise_IP_Valid_Bit = bit 4

#define Check_Info_Offset = 0
#define Target_Address_Offset = 24
#define Precise_IP_Offset = 32

/* Cache Check Info Bit definitions */

#define PrecisePrivLevel = bits [57:56]
#define PrecisePrivLevel_Valid = bits 58
```

FIG. 4A

```
/*=========================BEGIN=======================================*/
/* OS Machine Check Initialization                                     */
/*=====================================================================*/
OS_MCA_Initialization( )
{
/* this code is executed once by OS during boot Register OS_MCA */
/* Interrupt parameters by calling SAL_MC_SETPARAMS */

     Install OS_Rendez_Interrupt_Handler
     Install OS_Rendez_WakeUp_Interrupt_Handler /* ISR clean up wrapper */
     Register_Rendez Interrupt_Type&Vector;
     Register_WakeUpInterrupt _Type&Vector;
     Register_CorrectedPlatformErrorInterrupt_Vector;
     Initialize_CMC_Vector_Masking;

/*   Register OS_MCA Entry Point parameters by calling SAL_SET_VECTORS */

     Register_OS_MCA_EntryPoint;
     Register_OS_INIT_EntryPoint;
}
/*============================END======================================*/


/*=========================BEGIN=======================================*/
/* OS Machine Check Rendez Interrupt Handler                           */
/*=====================================================================*/
OS_Rendez_Interrupt_Handler( )
{
     /* go to spinloop */
     Mask_All_Interrupts;
     Call SAL_MC_RENDEZ( );

     /* clean-up after wakeup from exit */
     Enable_All_Interrupts;

     /* return from interruption */
     return;
}
/*============================END======================================*/


/*=========================BEGIN=======================================*/
/* OS Corrected Error Interrupt Handler (processor and platform)       */
/*=====================================================================*/
OS_Corrected_Error_Interrupt_Handler( )
{
/* handler for corrected machine check intr.*/
     /* get error log */
     if(ProcessorCorrectedError)
          Sal_Get_State_Info( processor);
     else
          Sal_Get_State_Info(platform);
```

FIG. 4B

```
     /* If saving of the error record is to disk or the OS event log, */
     /* then this is core OS functionality. */

     /* Save log of MCA */
     Save_Error_Log( );

     /* now we can clear the errors */
     if(ProcessorCorrectedError)
          Call Sal_Clear_State_Info(processor);
     else
          Call Sal_Clear_State_Info(platform);

/* return from interruption */
     return;
}
/*============================END=====================================*/


/*============================BEGIN===================================*/
/* OS Core Machine Check Handler                                       */
/*=====================================================================*/
OS_MCA_Handler( )
{
/* handler for uncorrected machine check event */
     Save_Processor_State();

     if(ErrorType!=Processor TLB)
          SwitchToVirtualMode();
     else
          StayInPhysicalMode();

     /* Assuming that the OS can call SAL in physical mode to get info */
     SAL_GET_STATE_INFO(MCA);

     /* check for error */
     if(ErrorType==processor)
     {
          if(ErrorType=processor TLB)
               // cannot do much;
               // reset the system and get the error record at reboot
               SystemReset() or ReturnToSAL(failure);
          else
               ErrorCorrectedStatus=OsProcessorMca();
     }
     If(ErrorType==Platform)
          ErrorCorrectedStatus|=OsPlatformMca();

     /* If the error is not corrected, OS may want to reboot the machine */
     /* and can do it by returning to SAL with a failure return result. */

     If(ErrorCorrectedStatus==failure)
          branch=ReturnToSAL_CHECK

     /* Errors are corrected, so try to wake up processors which are */
     /* in Rendezvous. */
```

FIG. 4C

```
    /* completed error handling */
    If(ErrorCorrectedStatus=success && InRendezvous()==true)
        WakeUpApplicationProcessorsFromRendezvous();

    /* If saving of the error record is to disk or the OS event log, */
    /* then this is core OS functionality. */

    /* as a last thing */
    Save_Error_Log();

    /* This is a very important step, as this clears the error record */
    /* and also indicates the end of machine check handling by the OS. */
    /* SAL uses this to clear any state information it may have related */
    /* to which processors are in the MCA and any State of earlier */
    /* rendezvous. */

    Call Sal_Clear_State_Info(MCA);

ReturnToSAL::
    /* return from interruption */
    SwitchToPhysicalMode();
    Restore_Processor_State();

    /* return to SAL CHECK, SAL would do a reset if OS fails to correct */
    return(ErrorCorrectedStatus)
}
/*============================END=======================================*/


/*=========================BEGIN=======================================*/
/* Os Platform Machine Check Handler                                    */
/*======================================================================*/
OsPlatformMca()
{
    ErrorCorrected=True;

    /* check if the error is corrected by PAL or SAL */
    If(ErrorRecord.Severity==not corrected)
        /* call sub-routine to try and correct the Platform MCA */
        ErrorCorrected=Correctable_Platform_MCA(platform_error_type);

    Return(ErrorCorrectedStatus);
}
/*============================END=======================================*/


/*=========================BEGIN=======================================*/
/* OS Processor Machine Check Handler                                   */
/*======================================================================*/
OsProcessorMca( )
{
    ErrorCorrected=True;

    /* check if the error is corrected by Firmware */
    If(ErrorRecord.Severity==not corrected)
        ErrorCorrectedStatus=TryProcessorErrorCorrection( );

    Return(ErrorCorrectedStatus);
}
/*============================END=======================================*/
```

FIG. 4D

```
/*=========================BEGIN=======================================*/
/* Try Individual Processor Error Correction                           */
/*=====================================================================*/

/* Now the OS has the data logs. Start parsing the log retrieved from */
/* SAL. The sub-routine Read_OS_Error_Log will read data from the error */
/* log copied from SAL. An offset is passed to identify the data being */
/* read and the base pointer is assumed to be known by the */
/* Read_OS_Error_Log sub-routine just to simplify the pseudo-code. */

TryProcessorErrorCorrection( )
{
     /* extract appropriate fields from the record header */
     Record_ID = Read_OS_Error_Log(Record_ID_Offset);
     Severity = Read_OS_Error_Log(Err_Severity_Offset);

/* It is unlikely that the OS can write to persistant storage in */
/* physical mode. If it is possible, the OS should do so. If it is not, */
/* the SAL firmware should still have a copy of the error log stored */
/* to NVRAM that will be persistant across resets. */

     if (Severity == Fatal)
          SystemReset() or return(failure);
     if (Severity == Corrected)
          return(ErrorCorrectedStatus=True);

/* These errors may be recoverable by the OS depending on the OS */
/* capability and the information logged by the processor. Call the */
/* sub-routine, OS_MCA_Recovery_Code and on return set up a min-state */
/* save area to return to a context of choice. The pal_mc_resume done */
/* through SAL allows the OS to turn on address translations and enable */
/* machine check aborts to be able to handle nested MCAs. */

     if (Severity == Recoverable)
     {
          ErrorCorrectedStatus=OS_MCA_Recovery();
          Set_Up_A_Min_State_For_OS_MCA_Recovery(my_minstate);
     }
     return(ErrorCorrectedStatus);

} /* End of TryProcessorErrorCorrection Handler */
/*=========================END=========================================*/


/*=========================BEGIN=======================================*/
/* OS MCA Recovery Code                                                */
/*=====================================================================*/

/* At this point the OS is running with address translations enabled. */
/* This is needed otherwise the OS would not be able to access all of */
/* its data structures needed to analyze if the error is recoverable */
/* or not. There is a chance another MCA may come during recovery due */
/* to this fact, but running in physical mode for the OS is difficult */
/* to do. */

OS_MCA_Recovery( )
{
     /* Set up by default that the errors are not corrected */
     CorrectedErrorStatus = CorrectedCacheErr = CorrectedTlbErr =
     CorrectedBusErr = CorrectedRegFileErr = CorrectedUarchErr = 0;
```

FIG. 4E

```
/* Start parsing the error log */
RecordLength = Read_OS_Error_Log(Record_Length_Offset);
Section_Header_Offset = OS_Error_Log_Pointer + Record_Header_Length;

/* Find the processor error log data */
Processor_Error_Log_Found = 0;

/* traverse the error record structure to find processor section */
while (Processor_Error_Log_Found == 0)
{
     SectionGUID = Read_OS_Error_Log(Section_Header_Offset +
     GUID_Offset);
     SectionLength = Read_OS_Error_Log(Section_Header_Offset +
                                                    Section_Length_Offs
                                                    et);
     if (SectionGUID == Processor_GUID)
          Processor_Error_Log_Found = 1;

     Section_Body_Pointer = Section_Header_Offset +
     Section_Header_Length;
     Section_Header_Offset = Section_Header_Offset + SectionLength;

     if (Section_Header_Offset >= RecordLength)
          InternalError(); /* Expecting a processor log */
}

/* Start parsing the processor error log. Section_Body_Pointer was set */
/* up to point to the first offset of the processor error log in the */
/* while loop above. Check the valid bits to see which part of the */
/* structure has valid info. The Read_OS_Error_Log sub-routine is */
/* assumed to know the initial pointer and just an offset is passed. */
/* This was done to allow the pseudo-code to be more readable. */

     Proc_Valid_Bits = Read_OS_Error_Log(Section_Body_Pointer);
     Section_Body_Pointer = Section_Body_Pointer + Validation_Bit_Length;

     /* Read the Processor Error Map if the valid bit is set. */
     if (Proc_Valid_Bits[Proc_Error_Map_Valid] == 1)
          Proc_Error_Map = Read_OS_Error_Log(Section_Body_Pointer);

     /* Extract how many errors are valid in the error log and determine
        which type */
     Cache_Check_Errs = Proc_Valid_Bits[Cache_Check_Valid];
     TLB_Check_Errs = Proc_Valid_Bits[TLB_Check_Valid];
     Bus_Check_Errs = Proc_Valid_Bits[Bus_Check_Valid];
     Reg_File_Errs = Proc_Valid_Bits[Reg_File_Check_Valid];
     Uarch_Errs = Proc_Valid_Bits[MS_Check_Valid];

     /* These sub-routines will return an indication of if the error can be
        corrected by killing the affected processes. */
     if (Cache_Check_Errs != 0)
     {
          /* Check to see if one or multiple cache errors occured */
          if (Cache_Check_Errs == 1)
               CorrectedCacheErr =
                         Handle_Single_Cache_Error(Section_Body_Pointer);
          else
               CorrectedCacheErr =
                         Handle_Multiple_Cache_Errors(Section_Body_Pointer);
     }
```

FIG. 4F

```
    if (TLB_Check_Errs != 0)
    {
        /* Check to see if one or multiple TLB errors occured */
        if (TLB_Check_Errs == 1)
        CorrectedTlbErr = Handle_Single_TLB_Error(Section_Body_Pointer);
        else
        CorrectedTlbErr =
        Handle_Multiple_TLB_Errors(Section_Body_Pointer);
    }

    if (Bus_Check_Errs != 0)
    {
        /* Check to see if one or multiple Bus errors occured */
        if (Bus_Check_Errs == 1)
            CorrectedBusErr =
                    Handle_Single_Bus_Error(Section_Body_Pointer);
        else
            CorrectedBusErr =
                    Handle_Multiple_Bus_Errors(Section_Body_Pointer);
    }

    if (Reg_File_Errs != 0)
    {
        /* Check to see if one or multiple Register file errors occured */
        if (Reg_File_Errs == 1)
            CorrectedRegFileErr =
                    Handle_Single_Reg_File_Error(Section_Body_Pointer);
        else
            CorrectedRegFileErr =
                    Handle_Multiple_Reg_File_Errors(Section_Body_Pointe
                    r);
    }

    if (Uarch_Errs != 0)
    {
        /* Check to see if one or multiple uarch file errors occured */
        if (Uarch_Errs == 1)
            CorrectedUarch_Err =
                    Handle_Single_Uarch_Error(Section_Body_Pointer);
        else
            CorrectedUarch_Err =
                    Handle_Multiple_Uarch_Errors(Section_Body_Pointer);
    }

    CorrectedErrorStatus = CorrectedCacheErr | CorrectedTlbErr |
                CorrectedBusErr | CorrectedRegFileErr |
                CorrectedUarch_Err;

    return(CorrecteErrorStatus);
} /* end OS_MCA_Recovery_Code */
/*============================END=====================================*/
```

FIG. 4G

```
/*=========================BEGIN=======================================*/
/* Single Cache Error Recovery Code                                    */
/*=====================================================================*/
Handle_Single_Cache_Error
{
     /* Initialize variables to a known value */
     Cache_Check_Info = Target_Address_Length = Precise_IP_Info = -1;
     Cache_Check_Valid_Bits = Read_OS_Error_Log(Section_Body_Pointer);
     Section_Body_Pointer = Section_Body_Pointer
     +Error_Validation_Bit_Length;

     if (Check_Info_Valid_Bit == 1)
          Cache_Check_Info = Read_OS_Error_Log(Section_Body_Pointer +
                         Check_Info_Offset);

     if (Target_Address_Valid_Bit == 1)
          Target_Address_Info = Read_OS_Error_Log(Section_Body_Pointer +
                         Target_Address_Offset);

     if (Precise_IP_Valid_Bit == 1)
          Precise_IP_Info = Read_OS_Error_Log(Section_Body_Pointer +
                         Precise_IP_Offset);

     /* Determine if the Target Address was captured by the processor or */
     /* not. If it was, determine if it points to global memory, shared */
     /* memory or if it is private. If it points to a global memory */
     /* structure, then a system reboot is necessary. If it is shared */
     /* or private it may be recoverable. */

     // if no target physical address is captured, then we have to reboot
     if(Target Physical Addres TarId=Not Valid)
          SystemReset() or return(failure);

     // target physical address is captured, check with OS if this is
          global address page
     if(OsIsTargetAddressGlobal(TarId))
          SystemReset() or return(failure) // in global page, it is bad news

     /* Now we know that the target address does not point to shared */
     /* memory. Check to see if a precise instruction pointer was captured.
     */
     /* If it was then check to see if it is a user or kernal IP. If we */
     /* have the precise IP map to the processes and kill it, else we have
     */
     /* to kill processes based on target address. */

     // so far so good, TardID is in local page: Do we have precise IP?
     if(PreciseIP==true)
     {
          // yes, precise IP is captured, so take this branch
          if(OsIsIpInKernelSpace(IP))
          {
               // IP in kernel space
               KernelSpaceIpFlag=1;
               if(OsIsProcessCritical(IP,0)==true)
                    SystemReset();
               else
```

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FIG. 4H

```
                {
                    // kill all non-critical OS processes at IP
                    OsKillAllProcesses(IP,0);
                    return(success);
                }
            }
            else
            {
                // IP is in user space
                UserSpaceIpFlag=1;
                // kill all shared user processes
                OsKillAllProcesses(IP,0);
                return(success);
            }
        }
        else

        /* We do not have precise IP, so try to map the Target physical */
        /* address to a processes. If the target address points to shared */
        /* data, then all sharing processes need to be killed. If the */
        /* target address points to a private page (global has been checked */
        /* above) then just kill the offending process. */

        {
            // Try and map Target Physical Address to a process data area
            if(PreviledgeLevel==Valid) //check if previledge level is valid
            {
                // ipl=Instruction Priviledge level
                if(ipl==user_level) // at user_level
                {
                    // this is user priveledge level
                    OsKillAllProcesses(0,TarId);
                    return(rv);
                }
                else // kernel level
                {

        /* If the OS has a way to determine if the IP is in a critical part */
        /* of the kernal this can determine if the kernal process can be */
        /* killed or not. If the OS always puts critical kernal code in a */
        /* certain IP range, this could be a way it could determine. */

                // this is kernel priviledge level
                if(OsIsProcessCritical(0,TarId))
                    // OS critical process error, all bets are off...
                    SystemReset() or return(failure);

                // good, can kill all non-critical processes using TardId
                OsKillAllProcesses(0,TarId);
                return(success);
                }
            }
            else
                // sorry, don't have privilege level information, all bets
                    are off...
                SystemReset() or return(failure);
        }

        return(succcess);
    }
    /*==========================END=====================================*/
```

FIG. 4I